**“Charles” by Shirley Jackson**

**Close Reading Notes**

Surface Note specific, and objective details regarding the who, what, where and when of the story.

Analysis Focus on the literary elements below. Analyzing these selected elements should help lead you to the author’s purpose. Try asking and answering questions focusing on interesting elements of the story. Be sure to include short, key excerpts from the story to support your analysis..

Plot Break down the plot, focusing on its exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution – IF the author uses all of these steps. If she doesn’t use all these steps, why?

Foreshadowing Provide specific and multiple examples of the foreshadowing provided to the reader.

Characterization Note the thoughts, words, actions, appearance and effect on others of the key characters in this short story

1st Person / Unreliable Narrator Why use a 1st person narrator? What makes this narrator unreliable?

Irony What words and actions are amusingly-opposite of what is expected ?

Author’s Purpose (Work to determine the author’s purpose, logically connecting how she used the above literary elements together to achieve this purpose)\